

REMARKS

I. General

Claims 11-12, 14-22, and 24-27 are pending. Claims 1-10 were previously canceled, and claims 13, 23, and 28 are canceled with this Amendment. The issues in the Decision on Appeal are as follows:

- The Examiner's rejections of claims 11, 12, 14-22, and 25-27 are affirmed.
- The Examiner's rejections of claims 13, 23, and 28 are reversed.

Applicant presents the following amendment under 37 C.F.R. 41.50(b)(1).

II. Claim Amendments

Claim 11 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 13. Since the amendment writes claim 13 in independent form, as such no new matter is added.

Claims 14 and 15 have been amended to further clarify the invention, as such no new matter is added.

Claim 21 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 23. Since the amendment writes claim 23 in independent form, as such no new matter is added.

Claim 26 is amended to incorporate the features of claim 28. Since the amendment writes claim 28 in independent form, as such no new matter is added.

III. Claim Rejections

Claims 11-28 were rejected.

Claims 13, 23, and 28 have been canceled.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a). This rejection was reversed by the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated July 30, 2008 and no new

rejection of claim 13 is presented in the Decision on Appeal. Independent claim 11 has been amended to include features from claim 13. Accordingly, claim 11 as presented herein is allowable.

Claim 23 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a). This rejection was reversed by the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated July 30, 2008 and no new rejection of claim 23 is presented in the Decision on Appeal. Independent claim 21 has been amended to include features from claim 23. Accordingly, claim 21 as presented herein is allowable.

Claim 28 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a). This rejection was reversed by the decision of the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences dated July 30, 2008 and no new rejection of claim 28 is presented in the Decision on Appeal. Independent claim 26 has been amended to include features from claim 28. Accordingly, claim 26 as presented herein is allowable.

Claims 12, 14-20, 22, 24-25, and 27 all depend from base claims 11, 21, and 27, respectively, and thus inherit all limitations of their respective base claim, which, as amended, is allowable. Thus, Applicant believes they are in proper form for allowance.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025, under Order No. 20001670-4, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

**Amendment After Final Action Under 37 C.F.R.
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